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Chief Executive Officer

October 21, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
ALONDRA BOULEVARD MEDIAN LANDSCAPING PROJECT
FROM AVALON BOULEVARD TO HASKINS AVENUE
ADOPT AND ADVERTISE CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86912
PROJECT I.D. NO. RDC0014229
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF RANCHO DOMINGUEZ AND
THE CITY OF CARSON
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The project is one in a series of street beautification and greening projects in the Second District to provide enhanced services in the unincorporated communities of the County. The proposed improvements will include landscaping within three existing raised medians and installation of an irrigation system and stamped concrete in the unincorporated community of Rancho Dominguez and the City of Carson.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the plans and specifications for the Alondra Boulevard Median Landscaping Project (Capital Project No. 86912) from Avalon Boulevard to Haskins Avenue at an estimated construction cost of \$178,000.
2. Call for construction contract bids to be received on November 18, 2008.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of your Board to advertise the project, seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to proceed with the solicitation of construction contract bids for the Alondra Boulevard Median Landscaping Project, Capital Project (C.P.) No. 86912, and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the project. Following review of construction bids, Public Works will return to your Board to recommend award of the construction contract.

The proposed project scope consists of the installation of an irrigation system, stamped concrete, and landscaping within three raised medians on Alondra Boulevard from Avalon Boulevard to Haskins Avenue within the boundaries of the City of Carson and the County. The estimated area of the improvement is approximately 8,000 square feet and will include the installation of landscaping with 675 plants.

The design of this project was completed by Public Works and was funded by the Road Fund Budget. The installation of an irrigation system, stamped concrete, and landscaping of three medians will be completed by a qualified construction contractor. The construction contract will be awarded to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder through a competitive bid process as described herein (see Contracting Process).

Green Building/Sustainable Design

The project will support the intent of your Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design policy by using drought tolerant landscaping. This will minimize required maintenance services and reduce the amount of irrigation and use of other resources that support maintenance activities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended action will improve the quality of life for the residents of Rancho Dominguez and the City by enhancing the aesthetics of the street medians on Alondra Boulevard from Avalon Boulevard to Haskins Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost estimate is \$314,000, which includes \$195,800 for a construction contract and change order contingency, \$54,200 for completed design services, and \$64,000 for County Services, which includes project administration and contract management.

Funding for the project consists of \$100,000 of Second District one-time net County cost allocated for enhanced unincorporated area services, \$57,000 from Public Works' Road Fund Budget, and \$157,000 funded by the City of Carson for its jurisdictional share of project costs. City of Carson-County Agreement No. 76653 provides for the City to use its Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP-L) credit to finance its share of project cost. When the project is completed and actual costs are known, Public Works will transfer the City's share of the project cost into C.P. No. 86912 to reimburse the County's General Fund.

The Fiscal Year 2008-09 Proposed Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget includes sufficient appropriation and revenue to fund the project costs. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Attachment A.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on current Salary and Employee Benefits/Maintenance Contractor rates, the annual cost to maintain the improvements including the City's portion is estimated at \$5,000. City of Carson-County Agreement No. 76654 provides for the County to be solely responsible for maintaining the improved medians. This cost is anticipated to be incurred beginning in Fiscal Year 2008-09. Sufficient appropriation is included in the Second District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Road Fund Budget Request to fund the required maintenance.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Your Board's approval of the C.P. is required to authorize the expenditure of the C.P. funds for this project.

Pursuant to your Board's adopted Civic Art Policy, this project is exempt from contributing a Civic Art Fee because the Project's scope of work consists of street improvements.

This project is to be completed in 25 working days with an additional 90 days for plant establishment. It is estimated the construction will start in February 2009 and be completed in March 2009.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works. A standard contract, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal Income Tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On August 5, 2008 Board Agenda, Item No. 31, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive basis. The contract will be awarded to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code. To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to (1) comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program; (2) report solicitation of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees; (3) comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program; and (4) comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended action will improve the quality of life for the residents of unincorporated community of Rancho Dominguez and the City of Carson by enhancing the aesthetics of the existing raised medians on Alondra Boulevard from Avalon Boulevard to Haskins Avenue.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted, stamped copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; one to each Public Works, Programs Development Division and Construction Division; and return the sealed plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

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County Counsel
City of Carson
Department of Public Works

ATTACHMENT A

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Project Needs Assessment	N/A
Project Feasibility	N/A
Project Program Validation	N/A
Design	Oct. 2007*
Contract Award	Dec. 2008
Construction	Feb. 2009

*Actual completion date

II. PROJECT FUNDING CHART

Budget Category	Proposed Total Project Budget	Proposed C.P. No 86912 Budget	Public Works Road Fund Budget	City of Carson
Land Acquisition	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction				
(a) Construction	\$178,000	\$89,000	N/A	\$89,000
(b) Change Orders	\$ 17,800	\$8,900	N/A	\$8,900
Equipment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plans and Specifications	\$54,200	N/A	\$27,100	\$27,100
Consultant Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Services	\$ 64,000	\$2,100	\$29,900	\$32,000
TOTAL	\$314,000	\$100,000	\$57,000	\$157,000

III. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Proposed Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Construction	
Low Bid Construction Contract	\$ 178,000
Job Order Contract	0
Change Orders	17,800
Departmental Crafts	0
Youth Employment	0
Construction Consultants	0
Misc. Expense	0
Telecomm Equip – Affixed to Building	0
Civic Arts	0
Subtotal	\$ 195,800
Programming/Development	\$ 0
Plans and Specifications	\$ 54,200
Consultant Services	
Site Planning	\$ 0
Hazardous Materials	0
Geotech/Soils Report and Soils Testing	0
Material Testing	0
Cost Estimating	0
Topographic Surveys	0
Construction Management	0
Construction Administration	0
Environmental	0
Move Management	0
Equipment Planning	0
Legal	0
Construction/Change Order	0
Other:	0
Subtotal	\$ 0
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 0
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	\$ 0
County Services	
Code Compliance Inspection	\$ 0
Quality Control Inspection	0
Design Review	0
Design Services	0
Contract Administration	40,000
Project Management	15,000
Project Management Support Services	0
ISD Job Order Contract Management	0
DPW Job Order Contract Management	0
ISD ITS Communications	0
Project Security	0
Project Technical Support	0
Office of Affirmative Action	0
County Counsel	0
Other:	9,000
Sheriff Job Order Contract Management	0
Subtotal	\$ 64,000
TOTAL	\$ 314,000